

Two Red Cross workers killed in Lebanon

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TRIPOLI, Lebanon - A pair of Red Cross workers was killed in northern Lebanon Monday as they left a Palestinian refugee camp with several Muslim clerics, officials said.

The BBC said unconfirmed reports said the Lebanese workers were fatally shot by unknown assailants while escorting the clerics from the Nahr al-Bared camp.

Officials said a member of the clerics' group also was wounded by the gunfire.

The religious group was at the camp attempting to broker a cease-fire to end the regional violence that killed 11 people last weekend.

Prior to the recent onslaught of violence, an estimated 30,000 people had taken refuge at the camp.

But since fighting between Lebanese troops and radical Islamist militants has intensified, the camp's population had dwindled to only 3,000 civilians.

The BBC said that the regional violence, which erupted May 20, has left 125 people dead to date.

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